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USAID and Project HOPE handed over to the National Tuberculosis Program of Turkmenistan microscopes, laboratory consumables and reagents for the total amount of \$22,331

Ashgabat, October 24, 2007. To assist the Ministry of Health and Medical Industry of Turkmenistan (MOHMIT) to fight tuberculosis in the country, Project HOPE and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) handed over 10 binocular microscopes, consumables and reagents for tuberculosis detection and treatment control to the National Tuberculosis Program.

This assistance will support the implementation of WHO-recommended DOTS (directly observed treatment short-course) strategy for tuberculosis treatment. New equipment and materials will enable laboratory specialists to carry out quality tests for the diagnostics of tuberculosis.

The microscopes and materials were delivered to laboratories in the cities of Ashgabat and Mary, and the Balkan Region, where USAID and Project HOPE is supporting DOTS implementation, as well as in five districts in Lebap and Mary regions where DOTS is implemented by the MOHMIT.

Tuberculosis control is a priority for the Government of Turkmenistan, which has called for national implementation of the DOTS strategy for tuberculosis control by 2009. It is one of the many areas, supported by the American people through USAID, which is the largest donor organization in Turkmenistan.

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